

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are presented below whether or not an amendment has been made.

1. **(Previously Presented)** A method for reporting the context of an alert condition, comprising:

reporting an alert condition associated with a subject system object;

receiving, in response to the reporting of the alert condition, a user-generated text-based dialogue request specifying a user defined type of context data for the subject system object and one or more relevant system objects known to be associated with the subject system object;

accessing a database to identify a group of system objects known to be associated with one another;

identifying, from the group of system objects, a relevant system object that is known to be associated with the subject system object;

analyzing the subject system object associated with the alert condition and the relevant system object to obtain the context data;

generating a context message based on the context data, the context message responsive to the user-generated request dialogue; and

outputting the context message.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the analyzing includes determining properties of the subject system object.

4. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein analyzing includes determining a physical location of a component represented by the subject system object.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein analyzing includes determining a logical relationship of a component represented by the subject system object to a component represented by the relevant system object.

6. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein analyzing includes determining a traffic load associated with the subject system object.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the relevant system object representing a component that is dependent on a component represented by the subject system object.

8. **(Previously Presented)** A method for reporting the context of an alert condition, comprising:

reporting an alert condition associated with a subject system object;

receiving, in response to the reporting of the alert condition, a user-generated text-based dialogue request textually requesting context data for the subject system object and one or more relevant system objects known to be associated with the subject system object;

accessing a database to identify a group of system objects known to be associated with one another;

identifying, from the group of system objects, a relevant system object that is known to be associated with the subject system object;

analyzing the subject system object associated with the alert condition and the relevant system object to obtain context data;

generating a context message based on the context data, the context message responsive to the user-generated request dialogue;

outputting the context message; and

wherein generating includes replacing quantifiable context data with a qualitative identifier.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A system for reporting the context of an alert condition, comprising:

a management application processor comprising:

means for reporting an alert condition associated with a subject system object;

means for receiving, in response to the reporting of the alert condition, a user-generated text-based dialogue request specifying a user defined type of context data for the subject system object and one or more relevant system objects known to be associated with the subject system object;

means for accessing a database to identify a group of system objects known to be associated with one another;

means for identifying, from the group of system objects, a relevant system object that is known to be associated with the subject system object;

means for analyzing the subject system object associated with the alert condition and the relevant system object to obtain the context data;

means for generating a context message based on the context data, the context message responsive to the user-generated request dialogue; and

means for outputting the context message.

10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Previously Presented)** Logic encoded in a storage medium and operable when executed to:

report an alert condition associated with a subject system object;

receive, in response to the reporting of the alert condition, a user-generated text-based dialogue request specifying a user defined type of context data for the subject system object and one or more relevant system objects known to be associated with the subject system object;

access a database to identify a group of system objects known to be associated with one another;

identify, from the group of system objects, a relevant system object that is known to be associated with the subject system object;

analyze the subject system object associated with the alert condition and the relevant system object to obtain the context data;

generate a context message based on the context data, the context message responsive to the user-generated request dialogue; and

output the context message.

12. **(Canceled)**

13. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of claim 11, wherein when analyzing at least the subject system object, the logic is further operable to determine properties of the subject system object.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of claim 11, wherein when analyzing at least the subject system object, the logic is further operable to determine a physical location of a component represented by the subject system object.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of claim 11, wherein when analyzing at least the subject system object, the logic is further operable to determine a logical relationship of a component represented by the subject system object to a component represented by the relevant system object.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of claim 11, wherein when analyzing at least the subject system object, the logic is further operable to determine a traffic load associated with the subject system object.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of claim 11, wherein the relevant system object representing a component that is dependent on a component represented by the subject system object.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of claim 11, wherein when generating the logic is further operable to replace quantifiable user defined context data with a qualitative identifier.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of claim 11, wherein the relevant system object represents a component that is a sub-component of a component represented by the subject system object.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of claim 11, wherein the relevant system object represents a component that is in a grouping with a component represented by the subject system object.

21. **(Withdrawn)** A system for reporting the context of an alert condition, comprising:

a database storing data associated with a plurality of system objects, the plurality of objects comprising at least a subject system object and a relevant object;

a management application module coupled to the database and operable to:

report an alert condition associated with a subject system object;

identify a relevant system object that is associated with the subject system object;

analyze the subject system object associated with the alert condition and the relevant system object to obtain context data;

generate a context message based on the context data; and

output the context message.

22. **(Withdrawn)** The system of claim 21, wherein the management application is further operable to receive a request to report the context of the alert condition.

23. **(Withdrawn)** The system of claim 21, wherein when analyzing at least the subject system object, the management application is operable to determine properties of the subject system object.

24. **(Withdrawn)** The system of claim 21, wherein when analyzing at least the subject system object, the management application is operable to determine a physical location of a component represented by the subject system object.

25. **(Withdrawn)** The system of claim 21, wherein when analyzing at least the subject system object, the management application is operable to determine a logical relationship of a component represented by the subject system object to a component represented by the relevant system object.

26. **(Withdrawn)** The system of claim 21, wherein when analyzing at least the subject system object, the management application is operable to determine a traffic load associated with the subject system object.

27. **(Withdrawn)** The system of claim 21, wherein the relevant system object represents a component that is dependent on a component represented by the subject system object.

28. **(Withdrawn)** The system of claim 21, wherein when generating the context message, the management application is operable to replace quantifiable context data with a qualitative identifier.

29. **(Withdrawn)** The system of claim 21, wherein the relevant system object represents a component that is a sub-component of a component represented by the subject system object.

30. **(Withdrawn)** The system of claim 21, wherein the relevant system object represents a component that is in a grouping with a component represented by the subject system object.

31. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the relevant system object represents a component that is a sub-component of a component represented by the subject system object.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the relevant system object represents a component that is in a grouping with a component represented by the subject system object.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the type of user defined context data is selected from the group consisting of location information for the subject system object, logical relationship information of the subject system object to other system objects, operational status information of the subject system object, or information regarding interest/business groups associated with the subject system object.

34. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the user-generated text-based dialogue request comprises a first user-generated text-based dialogue request specifying a user defined type of context data; and further comprising:

after outputting the context message, receiving a second user-generated text-based dialogue request specifying a second user defined type of context data.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the user-generated text-based dialogue request textually requests the user defined type of context data.

36. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the context message contains the user defined type of context data specified in the request.

37. **(New)** The method of claim 1, wherein the alert condition is reported to a user; and further comprising:

enabling the user to specify the user defined type of context data after receiving the alert condition.